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Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2006
Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts 01450

Board of Health Members Present:

Robert Hanninen, Chairman; Dr. Susan Horowitz, Jason Weber

Others Present:

Ben Cutone; Debra Butcher

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Hanninen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Minutes:

The regular session minutes of April 18, 2006 were approved as amended. The executive session minutes of April 18, 2006 were approved as written. The Board voted to release the executive session minutes of April 18, 2006.

Septic Permits Approved/Signed:

- *59 Blossom Lane; Douglas Clayton
- *33 Stonebridge Way; James Hartzell
- *Sheple Lane, Lot RA-2; Daniel Racicot
- *Sheple Lane, Lot RA-1; Robert Hohmann
- *Wharton Row, Lot 1; Robert Cushman
- *28 Town Forest Road; Lot 2; Robert Cushman
- *Wharton Row, Lot 3; Robert Cushman

Bills Approved/Signed:

- *Verizon Long Distance (BOH)-\$.10
- *Verizon (BOH)-\$36.80
- *Verizon (SW)-\$18.24
- *EnviroSafe Corporation-\$1,160.00
- *Dunn Battery-\$32.95
- *Covanta-\$7051.60
- *JP Rivard Trailer Sales-\$992.95
- *EL Harvey-\$4,843.08
- *Belmont Springs-\$27.00
- *Airgas-\$23.70
- *Grainger-\$82.14
- *Container Recycling Alliance-\$538.75
- *ApparelMaster-\$77.28

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- *Global Montello Group-\$97.90
- *Taylor Oil Northeast-\$1040.59

Public Hearing – Town of Groton Well Regulations: Present: See attached sheet.

Chairman Hanninen read the public hearing notice into the record and convened the public hearing at 7:30pm.

The Board voted unanimously to make the following amendments to the regulations:

Section III: Definitions

Add: Geothermal Well definition

Any shaft or hole drilled into the surface of the earth which is used or intended to be used in connection with coring, or the drilling for, prospecting for, or the production of geothermal resources, hot water, petroleum, natural gas, or other hydrocarbon substances, or shallow extraction wells for heating, agricultural or other purposes, or is used or intended to be used for the subsurface injection into the earth of oilfield waste, gases, water or liquid substances, including any such existing hole, shaft or casing which has not been abandoned, except that "geothermal, oil or gas exploratory or development well" shall not include "temporary exploratory probe," as defined in this section.

Section IV: Well Construction/Deconstruction Permit

Paragraph 1 to read:

The property owner or his designated representative shall obtain a permit from the Board of Health or its Agent prior to the commencement of construction and/or deconstruction of a private well, non-essential private well, irrigation well, monitoring well, hydro-geological well, heating and cooling well, agricultural well, drilled holes, bore holes, or other holes drilled by mechanical means greater than ten (10) feet, and any other structure that is considered a well.

Paragraph 2 to read:

Any dwelling on property with a lot line that is within 500 feet of a water main must be connected to a municipal water supply system.

Add (9) to read:

All irrigation and agricultural wells shall post a sign (8"x12") notifying the public that it is in fact an "irrigation well in use."

Section VI: Well Location and Use Requirements

Amend to read:

<u>Source of Contamination</u>	<u>Minimum Lateral/Circumferential Distance</u>
Sewer Line	100 feet
Public or Private Way, Common Drive	
Roadway easement, parking lot	75 feet
In-ground Pool	25 feet
Septic Expansion Area	100 feet
Slab or Foundation	10 feet

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Section VII: Water Quantity Requirements

Add sentence to section (a): *Wash wells must be tested every six months and the results submitted to the Board of Health office.*

Section VIII: Water Sampling and Quality Testing Requirements

Amend section (1) to read:

The Groton Board of Health, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection certified laboratories, or other persons approved by the Board of Health shall collect water samples immediately following construction or rehabilitation and disinfection of a well. A representative sample for laboratory analysis shall be collected at pump discharge or from a tap in the pump discharge line. Chemical and bacteriological analysis shall meet the standards set

forth by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Public Water Supply Division regulations for potable water for the following items: total coliform, fecal coliform/E.coli, arsenic, lead, nitrate nitrogen, nitrite nitrogen, and radon and approval of the results by the Groton Board of Health or the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health shall be obtained before the well shall be put into service as a potable supply. All wells shall be tested for the following secondary standards: calcium, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, potassium, sodium, alkalinity, chloride, chlorine, color, conductivity, fluoride, hardness, odor, pH, sulphate, turbidity, and sediment. The Board may add or delete test parameters in order to reflect changes in public notice.

Add (10) to read:

All treatment systems employed for the removal of a contaminant shall be a point of entry system.

Section XV: Penalties

Amend to read:

Any person who violates any provision of these regulations, or who fails to comply with any order issued hereunder by the Board of Health may be fined no less than ten dollars (\$10) and no more than five hundred dollars (\$500) per day. Each day that a violation exists and each day's failure to comply with an order shall constitute a separate offense.

Section XVI: Variance

Amend Paragraph 2 to read:

Every request for a variance shall be made in writing and shall state the specific variance sought and the reasons therefore. The writing shall contain all the information needed to assure the Board that, despite the issuance of a variance, the public health and environment will be protected. Notice of the hearing shall be given by the Board, at the applicant's expense, at least ten (10) days prior thereto, by certified mail to all abutters and their abutters of the property upon which the private well is located and by publication in a newspaper of the variance sought and the reasons therefore. Any grant or denial of a variance shall be in writing and shall contain a brief statement of the reasons for approving or denying the variance. A copy of each variance shall be on file for thirty (30) days following its issuance and shall be available to the public at all reasonable hours in the Office of the Town Clerk or Office of the Board of Health. No work shall be done under any variance until ten (10) days

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elapse from its issuance, unless the Board certifies in writing that an emergency exists.

Chairman Hanninen made a motion to accept the well regulations as amended to be effective on and after May 15, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: Underground Storage Tank Regulations Present: See attached list.

The public hearing was continued from April 18, 2006.

Chairman Hanninen read the memorandum from the Board of Selectmen advising the Board that they should not be involved with the issuing of permits or the installation. The Board voted unanimously to remove the Board of Selectmen from the regulations relative to installation and permitting.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the regulations as modified and to make the regulations effective on and after May 15, 2006.

Mr. Rick Muehlke – Nod Road Town Dump

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Mr. Muehlke requested a meeting with the Board of Health to discuss the lack of security at the Nod Road dump and access to the site by ATV's next to the sewer pumping station. He stated that the

Town used to have a large log across the road preventing access to the area but it has been removed recently and is unsecured. Mr. Muehlke stated that the Board should make arrangements to discourage motorists from gaining access to the road. He felt that given that there are unsafe materials on the site, the Town should make provisions to prevent motorists to stir up dust along the road.

Chairman Hanninen expressed his concern for the site as well. He stated that he walked the site with Mr. Muehlke this morning at 10am. Member Horowitz recommended that the Board meet with the Selectmen to create awareness about the site. Mr. Muehlke suggested that the Town put up signs warning the public about the area. Chairman Hanninen stated that he would speak with the Highway Surveyor and the Selectmen's office about closing off the area and provide signs. The Board took no other action.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bird Flu

The Board requested that an information sheet on Bird Flu be sent to the newspapers for publication.

Reedy Meadow Estates – Environmental Notification Form

Chairman Hanninen will come into the Board of Health and review the information.

Surrenden Farm Advisory Committee Representative

The Board voted unanimously to have Chairman Robert Hanninen as their representative to the committee.

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Approval Not Required Lots

The Board tabled discussion until their June 5, 2006 meeting.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

59 Blossom Lane

Mr. Cutone informed the Board that the septic system at this site failed. He stated that the previous owner had designed the system and that it was certified in November 2004 and the property sold to new owners. The Board voted to waive all permit fees for the repair for the new owners.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert Hanninen, Chairman

Dr. Susan Horowitz

Jason Weber

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra A. Butcher